

substantial amount of funding for improving communications interoperability among first responders, which will help Oregon as it continues to aggressively address the issue at the local level. It also provides nearly \$4 billion over the next four years for rail, transit, and bus security, a matter which I have had a long standing interests. We have seen the devastating impacts of terrorism on these modes of transportation in Europe in recent years and it is crucial that we make investments to protect this infrastructure at home.

These changes and many others recommended by the 9/11 Commission represent an important and long overdue step forward to securing our Nation.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 371, nays 40, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 757]

YEAS—371

Abercrombie	Cardoza	Etheridge
Ackerman	Carnahan	Everett
Aderholt	Carney	Fallin
Akin	Carson	Farr
Alexander	Carter	Fattah
Allen	Castle	Feeney
Altmire	Castor	Ferguson
Andrews	Chabot	Pilner
Arcuri	Chandler	Forbes
Baca	Clay	Fortenberry
Bachmann	Cleaver	Fossella
Bachus	Clyburn	Foxx
Baird	Cohen	Franks (AZ)
Baldwin	Cole (OK)	Frelinghuysen
Barrow	Conaway	Garrett (NJ)
Bartlett (MD)	Conyers	Gerlach
Bean	Cooper	Giffords
Becerra	Costa	Gilchrest
Berkley	Costello	Gillibrand
Berry	Courtney	Gillmor
Biggert	Cramer	Gohmert
Bilirakis	Crenshaw	Gonzalez
Bishop (GA)	Crowley	Goodlatte
Bishop (NY)	Cuellar	Gordon
Blumenauer	Cummings	Granger
Blunt	Davis (AL)	Graves
Bonner	Davis (CA)	Green, Al
Bono	Davis (IL)	Green, Gene
Boozman	Davis, Lincoln	Grijalva
Boren	Davis, Tom	Hall (NY)
Boswell	Deal (GA)	Hall (TX)
Boucher	DeFazio	Hare
Boustany	DeGette	Harman
Boyd (FL)	Delahunt	Hastings (FL)
Boyd (KS)	DeLauro	Hastings (WA)
Brady (PA)	Dent	Hayes
Brady (TX)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heller
Braley (IA)	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hensarling
Brown (GA)	Dicks	Herger
Brown (SC)	Dingell	Herseth Sandlin
Brown, Corrine	Doggett	Higgins
Brown-Waite,	Donnelly	Hill
Ginny	Doolittle	Hinchev
Buchanan	Doyle	Hinojosa
Burgess	Drake	Hirono
Burton (IN)	Dreier	Hobson
Butterfield	Edwards	Hodes
Buyer	Ehlers	Holden
Calvert	Ellison	Holt
Camp (MI)	Ellsworth	Honda
Cantor	Emerson	Hooley
Capito	Engel	Hoyer
Capps	English (PA)	Hulshof
Capuano	Eshoo	Hunter

Inslee	Meeks (NY)	Schwartz
Israel	Melancon	Scott (GA)
Jackson (IL)	Michaud	Scott (VA)
Jackson-Lee	Miller (MI)	Serrano
(TX)	Miller (NC)	Sessions
Jefferson	Miller, George	Sestak
Jindal	Mitchell	Shays
Johnson (GA)	Mollohan	Shea-Porter
Johnson (IL)	Moore (KS)	Sherman
Johnson, E. B.	Moore (WI)	Shimkus
Jones (OH)	Moran (KS)	Shuler
Kagen	Moran (VA)	Shuster
Kanjorski	Murphy (CT)	Simpson
Kaptur	Murphy, Patrick	Sires
Keller	Murphy, Tim	Skelton
Kennedy	Murtha	Slaughter
Kildee	Musgrave	Smith (NE)
Kilpatrick	Myrick	Smith (NJ)
Kind	Nadler	Smith (WA)
King (NY)	Napolitano	Snyder
Kirk	Neal (MA)	Solis
Klein (FL)	Neugebauer	Souder
Kline (MN)	Nunes	Space
Knollenberg	Obey	Spratt
Kuhl (NY)	Olver	Stearns
Lamborn	Ortiz	Stupak
Lampson	Pallone	Sutton
Langevin	Pascrell	Tanner
Lantos	Pastor	Tauscher
Larsen (WA)	Payne	Taylor
Larson (CT)	Pearce	Terry
Latham	Pelosi	Thompson (CA)
LaTourette	Perlmutter	Thompson (MS)
Lee	Peterson (MN)	Thornberry
Levin	Pickering	Tiahrt
Lewis (CA)	Pitts	Tiberi
Lewis (GA)	Platts	Tierney
Lewis (KY)	Poe	Towns
Linder	Pomeroy	Turner
Lipinski	Porter	Udall (CO)
LoBiondo	Price (NC)	Udall (NM)
Loeback	Pryce (OH)	Upton
Lofgren, Zoe	Putnam	Van Hollen
Lowe	Rahall	Velázquez
Lucas	Ramstad	Visclosky
Lungren, Daniel	Rangel	Walberg
E.	Regula	Walden (OR)
Lynch	Reichert	Walsh (NY)
Mack	Reyes	Walz (MN)
Mahoney (FL)	Reynolds	Wasserman
Maloney (NY)	Rodriguez	Schultz
Manzullo	Rogers (AL)	Watson
Marchant	Rogers (KY)	Watt
Markey	Rogers (MI)	Waxman
Marshall	Ros-Lehtinen	Weiner
Matheson	Roskam	Welch (VT)
Matsui	Ross	Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Rothman	Weller
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Westmoreland
McCaul (TX)	Ruppersberger	Wexler
McCollum (MN)	Rush	Whitfield
McCotter	Ryan (OH)	Wicker
McCrery	Ryan (WI)	Wilson (NM)
McDermott	Salazar	Wilson (OH)
McGovern	Sánchez, Linda	Wolf
McHugh	T.	Woolsey
McIntyre	Sanchez, Loretta	Wu
McKeon	Sarbanes	Wynn
McMorris	Saxton	Yarmuth
Rodgers	Schakowsky	Young (AK)
McNerney	Schiff	Young (FL)
Meek (FL)	Schmidt	

NAYS—40

Barrett (SC)	Goode	Radanovich
Barton (TX)	Hoekstra	Rehberg
Bilbray	Inglis (SC)	Renzi
Bishop (UT)	Johnson, Sam	Rohrabacher
Blackburn	Jones (NC)	Royce
Campbell (CA)	Jordan	Sali
Cannon	King (IA)	Sensenbrenner
Coble	Kingston	Shadegg
Culberson	McHenry	Smith (TX)
Davis (KY)	Miller (FL)	Sullivan
Davis, David	Oberstar	Wamp
Duncan	Paul	Wilson (SC)
Flake	Petri	
Gingrey	Price (GA)	

NOT VOTING—22

Baker	Gallegly	Miller, Gary
Berman	Gutierrez	Pence
Boehner	Hastert	Peterson (PA)
Clarke	Issa	Stark
Cubin	Kucinich	Tancredo
Davis, Jo Ann	LaHood	Waters
Emanuel	McNulty	
Frank (MA)	Mica	

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Mr. RADANOVICH changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BOYD of Florida and Mr. TURNER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber today. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall vote 757.

Stated against:

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 757. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on the measure.

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 757, because of a family commitment I was not present for rollcall vote 757. Had I been present I would have voted “nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 27, 2007, I was absent from the House for medical reasons.

Had I been present I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 748—“aye”—Jackson/Lee Amendment No. 101 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 749—“no”—Rangel Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 750—“aye”—Boehner Amendment No. 23 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 751—“aye”—Davis/Kirk Amendment No. 45 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 752—“aye”—Udall Amendment No. 42 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 753—“aye”—Putnam Amendment No. 60 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 754—“aye”—Cooper Amendment No. 95 to H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 755—“aye”—Motion to Recommit for H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 756—“no”—Final Passage for H.R. 2419; on rollcall No. 757—“nay”—H. Res. 567, Conference Report on H.R. 1.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the Chamber for rollcall votes 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, and 757 on July 27, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall votes 748, 749, 751, 752, 754, 756, and 757, and I would have voted “no” on rollcall votes 750, 753, and 755.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2831, LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT OF 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-263) on the resolution (H. Res. 579) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2831) to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans

With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 986, EIGHTMILE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER ACT

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-264) on the resolution (H. Res. 580) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 986) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3161, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-265) on the resolution (H. Res. 581) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HIRONO) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 25, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter serves as my intent to resign from the House Homeland Security Committee, effective today. I appreciated the opportunity to serve on this important committee and its jurisdictional prerogatives that affect the safety and security of our nation.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I yield to my friend from Florida for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for morning-hour business and noon for legislative business, with votes rolled until 6:30 p.m. In addition to several bills under suspension of the rules, a list of which will be announced by the close of business today, we will consider H.R. 986, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act; and H.R. 2831, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning-hour business and 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Wednesday and Thursday the House will meet at 10 a.m. On Friday the House will meet at 9 a.m. We will consider the FY08 Agriculture appropriations bill, the FY08 Department of Defense appropriations bill, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act, and energy independence legislation.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlelady from Florida.

I notice the gentlelady indicates that the SCHIP bill will be on the calendar next week. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I and others worked until 2 a.m. on the package to increase the taxes to pay for the SCHIP bill supposedly coming out of the Energy and Commerce Committee that was supposed to have scheduled to mark up their bill today.

How do you expect this bill to come to the floor next week, and under what kind of rule from the Energy and Commerce Committee?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. We do not yet know what the rule will look like. We will be consulting with the Rules Committee and the Chair of the respective committees and we will be able to determine that at that point.

Mr. CANTOR. I would ask the gentlelady, is it the intention to bring one package with the bill out of Ways and Means and the not yet marked up bill from the Energy and Commerce Committee?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. There are various possibilities being considered, and those decisions have not yet been reached.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlelady. I would also like to ask about the energy bill. Would you expect that the energy bill will come to the floor again in one package? Is there a multiple energy bill still floating out there in the committees?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. That is also a decision that has not yet been made. The Rules Committee will be consulted as well as the Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. CANTOR. I would ask the gentlelady, does she expect the energy

bill that comes to the floor to contain CAFE standards?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. We are considering a number of different possibilities, and those decisions, in terms of substance, have not yet been reached.

Mr. CANTOR. Further, Madam Speaker, what day do you expect to begin consideration of the energy bill?

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. That decision is still being considered.

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman.

Next, you mentioned that the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will be on the floor next week, and I am aware that the Rules Committee met today on this bill. I would remind the gentlewoman that it is very rare for the Rules Committee to meet the week before a bill is on the floor, and in today's case that committee met on not just one bill but on three.

I would ask the gentlewoman, Madam Speaker, will the rule granted be open given that Members were not afforded an amendment deadline and the Rules Committee meeting was not noticed until 9:04 p.m. last night?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. The rule for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will be a closed rule.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlewoman. Again, it is very rare for that to happen, especially when there was absolutely no amendment deadline given to the Members and the notice only coming since 9 o'clock last night.

I would ask the gentlewoman further on the DoD approps bill, you have been talking about having an Iraq vote each week before we leave. Do you anticipate a freestanding bill next week, or do you expect legislation to be confined to a DoD approps bill having to do with Iraq?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Those decisions have not yet been made, but it is possible that we will consider an Iraq vote sometime during next week.

Mr. CANTOR. Again, I know the gentlewoman may not have the information in front of her. We are trying to get as much information as we can, Madam Speaker, for our Members in order to plan their schedules for next week. And along those lines, the schedule is rather heavy.

Should we expect and should our Members be prepared for legislative business next Saturday?

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. In the event that we do not complete the agenda that is ambitious for next week, Members should make plans to possibly be here on Saturday.

Mr. CANTOR. I thank the gentlewoman.

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask about a few things that are out there expected to or at least having been reported to come up but are not yet on the schedule. I would ask, do you expect the patent reform legislation to be added to next week's schedule, as it